

AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 10/601,559

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The Examiner asserts that the body of the claim is in conflict with the preamble. In particular, the Examiner asserts that while the preamble defines a non-magnetic layer and a magnetic layer, the body of the claim does not define steps to form these layers.

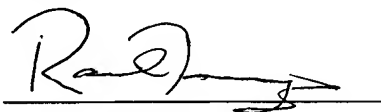
Applicant's Response

Applicant has made a non-narrowing amendment to Claim 1 to include in the body thereof positive recitations consistent with the preamble thereof. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 completely satisfies §112 and requests the withdrawal of this rejection.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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